WRITTEN ANSWERS TO UNSTARRED QUESTIONS

Import of palm oil

1853. SHRI RAVULA CHANDRA SEKAR REDDY:
SHRI RUMANDLA RAAMACHANDRAYYA:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether India is still dependent on imported palm oil due to huge deficiency in domestic oil seeds production; and

(b) it so, the measures proposed to reduce dependence on imported palm oil and to bring import bill under check?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI HUKUMDEO NARAYAN YADAV): (a) and (b) Information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Less income from Bt cotton for farmers

†1854. SHRI RAJIV RANJAN SINGH 'LALAN':
SHRI KAPIL SIBAL:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that income of the farmers growing Bt Cotton in Andhra Pradesh had been five times less during 2002 as compared to those who had grown normal cotton;

(b) if not, the fact in this regard;

(c) whether Government have collected any information regarding production of BT Cotton in other States of the country; and

(d) if so, the names of the States where Bt Cotton was grown during 2002, 2003 and per hectare net profit earned by the growers from it?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI HUKUMDEO NARAYAN YADAV): (a) to (c) The Central Institute

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.